(a) the total number of suits filed each year under section (I) 22 and 23 (II) 25, 30 and 31 and (III) 32 of the Cochin Tenancy Regulation in each of the courts in the State giving separate figures for suits under the above classifications;

(b) the total number of the above suits each year under each of the above headings in which (1) the landlords succeeded (2) the tenants succeeded during the years 1101 to 1104 ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) and (b). A statement furnishing the figures is appended. (*Vide Appendix I.*)

Manufacture of tiles, &c. in the Potteries.

139. Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) how many minton tiles in different sizes have in all been manufactured at the Potteries (at Chalakkudi) during the years 1103, 1104 and 1105 respectively and of these, how many have been sold away during each year and what is the amount realised thereby;

(2) what is the total amount of expense incurred during each of the last 3 years for the manufacture of minton tiles;

(3) what is the total quantity of minton tiles in stock up-to-date and whether the Government have appointed any agency or made arrangements with any firms (local or foreign) for the ale of these minton tiles in stock;

(4) whether the Government have advertised about the minton tiles in stock and ready for sale and if so where all have they advertised;

(5) whether the foreman has been allowed to go elsewhere and canvass for the sale of minton tiles and if not, why not;

(6) whether the Government have any idea of finding out markets for minton tiles or for the disposal of these tiles on a commercial basis ; and if so, what steps have they taken up-to-date towards this end ;

(7) during the last 3 years who all have purchased minton tiles from the factory and for what amount in each case;

(8) what is the maximum quantity of minton tiles that could be manufactured at the factory during the course of a year and what will be the approximate income that could be made by the sale of the whole quantity during the same year after deducting the working expenses.

(9) Besides minton tiles, what other articles have been manufactured at the factory during the year 1105 and of those how much have been sold of each variety and with what profit ?

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Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—

(1)

	1103.	*1104.*	*1105.*
Tiles manufactured	60,000	40,000	3,00,000
Do sold	16,522	57,625	32,827
Amount realised	660—6—5	1,773—4—5	829—1—0

(2) It is not possible with the existing system of accounts to say exactly what amount was spent for the manufacture of minton tiles alone. The introduction of a new system of accounts which is more elaborate is under consideration.

(3) The total stock up-to-date is nearly 3,00,000. Negotiations are being carried on for the appointment of agents.

(4) Sample tiles have been sent to many firms, contractors and agents in Bombay, Madras, Bangalore, Coimbatore, etc.

(5) No.

(6) Yes. The factory is in constant correspondence with wholesale agents in Madras, Bombay and other towns.

(7)

	Rs.	a.	p.
1103.			
Assistant Engineer, P. W. D.	660	6	5
1104.			
Assistant Engineer, P. W. D.	917	0	0
Feroke Tile Works	12	0	0
Rao Sahib C. Matthai	243	0	0
Trichur Overseer, East Range	603	0	0
1105.			
Assistant Engineer, P. W. D.	520	4	0
Agent, Vaniampara Rubber Co.	80	0	0
S. Koder Esq., Cochin	228	13	0

(8) The maximum quantity of minton tiles that can be manufactured in a year is nearly 7,00,000. It is not desirable to publish detail of working costs in a manufacturing concern.

(9) Besides minton tiles, the following are also manufactured :—

1. Drainage pipes
2. Arch bricks
3. Fire bricks
4. Inkstands and other glazed wares.

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Of these the following were sold:—

Variety.	*Quantity.*	*Amount.* Rs.	a.	p.
Fire bricks	6,450	388	0	0
Fire clay	4½ tons	127	0	0
Arch bricks	547	94	1	0
Drainage pipes	44	36	10	0
Inkstands and other glazed wares		120	0	0

Purchase of Khaddar for Government use.

140. Mr. A. B. Salem.—Will the Government be pleased to inform the total quantity of khaddar purchased by them for public use since accepting the resolution of this Council in the matter in the year 1105;

(2) will the Government be further pleased to inform

(a) the quantity purchased by the Police Department;
(b) do by the Revenue Department;
(c) do by the Public Works Department;
(d) do by the Medical Department;
(e) do by the Excise Department;
(f) do by the Secretariat;

3. will the Government be further pleased to inform me the total quantity of foreign cloths purchased in the various departments enumerated in question (2) above;

4. will the Government be pleased to inform the value of the total quantity of foreign articles purchased in the months of September, October and November 1929, out of the public funds by the Chief Engineer and by special officers and in various departments of the Government?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—1. Nil.

2. Nil.

3. *Police Department.*—Since in this department, contracts are given for finished articles, it is not possible to state the total quantity purchased in this department.

Revenue Department.—For Rs. 135—3—9.

Public Works Department.—For Rs. 812—11—9.

Medical Department.—Nil.

Excise Department.—Orders have been placed for Rs. 1,198—12—0.

Secretariat.—Nil.

4. For Rs. 3,663—8—2 from the information so far collected.

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